

## John Randolph to Andrew Jackson, July 15, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN RANDOLPH TO JACKSON.

Charlotte Court House, July 15, 1832.

*My dear Sir,* It was not until last evening, that I recd. your message to the Senate rejecting the Bank Bill.<sup>1</sup> It diffuses universal joy among your friends and dismay among your enemies. Mr Van Buren I perceive is with you. Congratulate him if you please in my name on his return to his Country. The Senate, which he ought never to have left, is his proper theatre of action. I have an unanswered letter from him written at London which has lain upon my table several weeks, perhaps months from my inability to reply to it, and indeed what could I have told him that some other correspondent would not have anticipated. I should like to talk with him about England. I do not perceive that his son returned with him.

<sup>1</sup> The bank veto was dated July 10, 1832. It is in Richardson, *Messages and Papers*, II. 576–591. In Jackson MSS. (Presidential Messages and Miscellanies, B) is a draft in Amos Kendall's handwriting. It has been much erased and modified.

I see a miserable attempt to bolster up a certain person to whom I alluded in my last. The chief actor is an artful horse jockey who has his selfish views in all that he does or omits to do. He is what Mr V. B.'s enemies represent him to be, a most artful and accomplished intriguer. To my knowledge he declared Mr A. to be unfit for his late position and was endeavouring to foment opposition to him. He is a politician, negroe trader, Jockey and always acts where practicable by other persons who are his tools and creatures. Thus

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nobody *knows* him to be engaged in the domestic slave trade but the tools who carry it on for him . . . . .